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DALLAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEALING METH

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a Dallas man has pleaded guilty to federal drug violation charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **JERIMIAH MAURICE JEFFCOAT**, 30, admitted to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine before United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, an investigation began in January 2003 into the distribution of "ice" methamphetamine in East Texas. During this time, the investigation resulted in the arrest of 20 individuals. A 36-count federal indictment was returned in May 2006, charging Jeffcoat and 19 co-defendants. Jeffcoat was charged with delivering approximately 350 grams of methamphetamine to a cooperating witness at a Longview, Texas motel on January 19, 2006. This now brings the total of defendants who have pled guilty in this case to seven.

At sentencing, Jeffcoat faces 5 to 40 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Gregg County Sheriff's Office and the Gregg County Organized Drug Enforcement (CODE) Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Moore.

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